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37 CFR § 1.116**

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. After entry of this amendment, claims 30-33, 35-65, 68, 69, 74-77 and 80-116 (a total of 78 claims) are pending in the application. In this response and amendment, claim 29 is canceled.

In the final office action dated June 16, 2005, the examiner rejects claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as unpatentable over Hopkins (US Patent No. 5,757,918) in view of Burger (US Patent No. 6,219,439) and further in view of Chamley (US Patent No. 6,804,786). The examiner allows claims 30-33, 35-65, 68, 69, 74-77 and 80-116.

Claim Amendments

Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's rejection of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(e). Applicant has canceled independent claim 29 solely to expedite prosecution of the application, and may continue prosecution of this claim in a continuing application.

Applicant asserts that the above amendment places the application in condition for allowance; thereby providing that the amendment be entered after final.

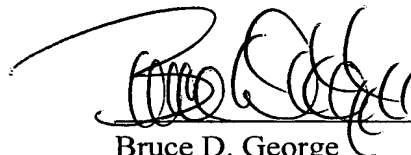
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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicant submits that pending claims 30-33, 35-65, 68, 69, 74-77 and 80-116 are allowable, that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the examiner issue an early notice of allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney in the event that a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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